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The vessels which were at Wood island previous to the strike at North Arm, have left there and gone to the Arm, or other parts of the bay. Schs. Olga and a Newfoundland craft have gone to Bonne Bay to try to get a load there. These craft left for there November 11, and reports at Birchy Cove on the 17th, stated that all the vessels at Bonne Bay had secured loads. It seems that the unexpected happened at Bonne Bay this season, it being unusual for herring to remain there for any length of time.

Will Sail on Herring Trips.

Schs. Maxine Elliott and Lena and Maud have sailed on Newfoundland herring trips.

Sch. Lena and Maud is fitting for a Newfoundland herring trip under command of Capt. George G. Hamor.

Sch. Blanche will fit for a Newfoundland herring trip.

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BOSTON DEALERS WELL SUPPLIED.

Fish of All Kinds in Plentiful Receipts.

Opening time this morning found T wharf dealers well supplied with fish for their brisk Monday morning trade. Prices are good, and all around it is a pretty good morning for the crafts that are in, as most of them have good fares. There is an overplus of pollock, and most of these will come here to split.

The receipts include three off-shore fares, sch. John J. Fallon, with 47,000 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Squanto with 36,000 pounds fresh fish and sch. Dictator with 80,000 pounds of fresh cod, 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 6,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Thompson of the latter will get a fancy price for the halibut and is taking out large cod at \$2.50. The balance of the fare will come here and the stock will be a fine one.

Nine of the pollock fleet are in with fares of from 6,000 to 26,000 pounds. The fish are not in demand, which means that the splitters here will get the most of them.

The market boat fares range from 3,000 to 23,000 pounds, among the best fares being schs. Metamora, Elva L. Spurling, Flavilla, Mary E. Cooney, Matiana, Almeida, Rose Standish, Warren M. Goodspeed and Elizabeth W. Nunan.

New haddock sold at from \$3 to \$4.50. Off shore large cod brought \$2.50, while some of the shore boats got \$5. Hake had a little life and sold at from \$1 to \$1.75.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 14,000 haddock, 8,000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Squanto, 10,000 haddock, 6,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5,000 cusk.
Sch. Athena, 6,500 haddock, 2,500 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 5,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Lillian, 5,500 haddock, 800 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. J. F. Mc Morrow, 2,000 cod.
Sch. Appomattox, 26,000 pollock.
Sch. Priscilla, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 21,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Edward A. Rich, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, 2,000 pollock.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6,000 haddock, 2,000 cod, 5,000 hake.
Sch. Dictator, 25,000 salt cod, 80,000 fresh cod, 6,000 halibut.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 3,000 haddock, 7,000 cod, 2,000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 5,000 haddock, 2,000 cod, 4,000 hake, 8,000 cusk.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2,600 haddock, 800 cod, 1,000 hake.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3,200 haddock, 150 cod.
Sch. Metamora, 6,000 haddock, 2,000 cod, 9,000 hake, 4,000 cusk.
Sch. Alice, 7,500 haddock, 1,500 cod, 4,000 hake, 2,000 cusk.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 4,500 haddock, 1,500 cod, 4,000 hake, 6,000 cusk.
Sch. Seaconnet, 4,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 1,000 hake, 2,000 cusk.
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2,500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 5,000 haddock, 2,000 cod 3,000 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 3,500 haddock, 1,000 cod, 4,000 hake.

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Sch. Stranger, 4,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 6,000 hake.
Sch. Lafayette, 14,000 pollock.
Sch. Flavilla, 7,000 haddock, 3,000 cod, 9,000 hake, 4,000 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 16,000 haddock, 2,000 cod, 4,000 pollock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5,000 haddock, 2,000 cod, 3,000 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 400 haddock, 300 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 8,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 5,000 hake, 4,000 cusk.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 4,000 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 8,000 pollock.
Sch. Eddie A. Minot 1,700 cod.
Sch. Almeida, 1,400 haddock, 1,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 3,200 haddock, 4,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 6,000 cusk.
Sch. Diana, 100 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 3,500 haddock, 1,200 cod, 2,000 cusk, 1,200 pollock.
Sch. Thomas Brundage 20,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, 50 cts. to 75 cts.

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FOUR CRAFT HAVE MILLION LBS. COD

Torchers Strike Run of Big Herring at Ipswich.

There is a good solid bunch of arrivals here this morning, the easterly wind bringing along the quartette of Virgin Rocks dory handliners, besides a Quero dory handline, one of the deck handline fleet and several pollockers, with more of the latter expected before the day is over. The salt cod receipts alone total over a million pounds, that amount being covered in the hails of the four crafts from the Virgin Rocks.

These latter crafts, schs. Smuggler, Bohemia, Arkona and Athlete, have from 220,000 to 280,000 pounds each. They all had the big gale of two weeks ago, which created so much havoc along the coast of Newfoundland. The skippers report that storm as one of unusual severity, and as previously reported in the Times, the Smuggler had her head sails blown away and lost an anchor, while the Arkona, which had a very hard time of it, lost her chain and anchor and had her deck swept, losing her oil, butts and gurry kids and had 14 dories smashed to kindling wood.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, from Quero bank, has between 90,000 and 100,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Marsala from a deck handline trip to Western bank, has 40,000 pounds of salt cod. There are now several crafts of the deck handline fleet fishing to the eastward, on Western and Quero banks, but of the whole straight salt bank fleet, but one craft remains to arrive here, the dory handliner Harry A. Nickerson. Two of the Bucksport doryhandliners, schs. T. M. Nicholson and Elizabeth N., both of which were at the Virgin Rocks in company with the Gloucester vessels, are still out, but the latter is expected every day and the former will probably not be out much longer.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, came in yesterday, after a short trip to Western bank, with a fine catch of 70,000 pounds of fresh haddock and cod, which will mean a fine stock, as haddock prices today are first class. Capt. Larkin reports bad weather on the bank, having to anchor on his trawls, with all of them out and lay two days before there was a chance to put over the dories and get them back. Six of the pollock fleet have from 9,000 to 40,000 pounds each and a lot more are expected down from Boston before the day is over.

The torchers brought over 80 barrels of herring yesterday and this morning were on deck with 150 barrels more. The fish were very large, the first run of large fish of any account this season, and what were not wanted for bait were taken by the Gloucester Cold Storage Company and Frank Stanwood for their freezers.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arkona, Virgin Rocks, 220,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Athlete, Virgin Rocks, 280,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Bohemia, Virgin Rocks, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Sch. Smuggler, Virgin Rocks, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Marsala, Western Bank, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, Western Bank, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flora L. Nickerson, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 90,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Grace Darling, shore, 23,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Jubilee, shore, 35,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Volant, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Emerald, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Pauline, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boats and torchers, 230 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Susan and Mary, haddocking.
Sch. Maxine Elliott, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.
Sch. Actor, pollocking.
Sch. Hortense, shore.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Lawrence Murdock, South Brooksville, Me.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, Boston.
Sch. Georgia Campbell, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 11 cts. for gray.

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Dogfish Reduction Works Closed.

The dogfish reduction works at Clark's Harbor, N. S., were closed down for this year on Saturday, after a short but quite successful season. The dogfish, very numerous a fortnight ago, suddenly struck off. The Nelson ran some days afterwards collecting fish-scrap, but the weather becoming rough and catchy, that supply fell below the paying point.

Portland Fish Notes.

Several members of the local fishing fleet came in Friday and between them there was a considerable supply of fish. Weather conditions have improved greatly during the past few days, and there is a good prospect for securing good sized fares. The following arrived: Albert W. Black, Eva and Mildred, Evelyn M. Thompson and Katie L. Palmer.

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Steam Trawler Spray Damaged.

Capt. Michael Green of the steam trawler Spray, which arrived at Boston this morning, reports having bad weather in South Channel. On Saturday night the craft shipped a sea which broke some of the wood work and stove in the glass front of the pilot house.

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Haddock Trip Stocked \$1786.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, stocked \$1786 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$35 clear.

Haddock Trip Stocked \$1445.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$1445 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$31.89.

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HERRING NEWS CAUSES ANXIETY

Few Fish Yet Struck
in at Bay of Islands
or the Arms.

Bonne Bay Supply Li-
able to Leave at Any
Time.

Considerable news has been received from the herring fleet at Newfoundland west coast bays since last report and in consequence of the tenor of the same it is no mis-statement to say that both skippers on that end, and vessel owners and dealers on this are in far from an easy frame of mind, both over the present situation and the future.

It is a disturbing fact that herring are remaining longer in Bonne Bay and hanging away longer from Bay of Islands than for any season since the fishery has been pursued on the west coast. There have been a few spurts of herring in Bay of Islands, but it has amounted to but little, this being shown by the fact that the high vessel there with an unusually large number of boats to work with and other crafts of her own fleet helping her load, has secured only 1000 barrels of herring.

At Bonne Bay there is still a good run of herring on for that place, but yesterday nine American and two Nova Scotia vessels were there and the loading is proceeding slowly. Other crafts are also bound there from Bay of Islands in hopes of loading whole or in part; another evidence of the actual situation at Bay of Islands. At Bonne Bay too, there is always the chance of the herring leaving suddenly any day.

Few Herring at Bay of Islands.

Dispatches from Bay of Islands this morning states that there is herring outside but little or nothing doing in the Arms. Outside of sch. Fannie A. Smith, which is credited with 1000 barrels, the high crafts have only about 200 barrels.

From Bonne Bay, schs. Lucinda I. Lowell, William Matheson and Meteor, also the Olga, are on the way home with salt herring cargoes. The former three are supposed to have been on the way quite a few days and one of them should be showing up by Thursday at least. Sch. Essex is also on the way home. The first cargo last year arrived November 22 in sch. Veda M. McKown, followed a year ago today by two cargoes in schs. Fannie A. Smith and Essex.

A letter from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated Thursday, states that the herring which had struck in at Bottle Cove, outside the bay, had not struck in the Arms, greatly to the disappointment of the fishermen. Sch. Fannie A. Smith has 1000 barrels, the result of 28 boats. It is plain to be seen that herring are not plentiful. The highest catch for a day was 250 barrels and previous and subsequent to that time 15 to 50 barrels was the average catch. Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell sailed from Bonne Bay, November 13. As a result of the present situation the Bonne Bay fishermen are elated and others very much disappointed. The weather continues mild.

The reports from Bonne Bay are to the effect that the herring are running very small, the greater part of them too small for blotters.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Winnifred has hauled up for the season and her skipper, Capt. Murray Larkin will command sch. Effie M. Prior in the winter haddock fishery, as Capt. Elroy Prior desires to take a season ashore.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock of this port recently sold to Maine parties, sailed yesterday. She will be engaged in freighting roofing gravel.

Sch. Etta Mildred was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday and sailed for home.

Caught Mackerel.

Elias Frazier, one of the crew of sch. Elva L. Spurling, while fishing, caught a big mackerel off Chatham on Sunday. The fish was large enough to give six of the crew, all men with good appetites, a share after it was cooked. The catching of this mackerel gives hope to the trappers that there are still more mackerel left in the deep waters in the vicinity, and that in time more of them will be taken in the traps.

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POLLOCK FLEET GET GOOD CATCH.

Several Trips of Salt and
Fresh Cod at This Port.

There has been only one arrival over night at this port, up to 7 o'clock this morning, the big gasoline auxiliary sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin, coming in just before that hour, with about 65,000 pounds of fresh haddock and cod. There were quite a few arrivals yesterday afternoon.

Sch. Patriot, one of the few remaining eastern drifters, came home with a good catch of 60,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Dictator came down from Boston with 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 70,000 pounds of fresh cod. Schs. Appomattox, Priscilla, Georgianna and Diana came down from Boston with pollock and steamer Quoddy and Pauline from shore also had pollock.

Quite a number of the shore boats came down from Boston with no fish and a few ran in from the grounds for harbor. The torchers did not strike the herring very heavy, only five boats being over with 30 barrels between them.

The receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Appomattox, via Boston, 26,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Priscilla, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Georgianna, via Boston, 2000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Diana, via Boston, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 70,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Pauline, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Patriot, Western Bank, drifting, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Western Bank, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7500 lbs. fresh fish, mostly pollock.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.
Sch. Hope, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, haddocking.
Sch. James W. Parker, haddocking.
Sch. Romance, haddocking.
Sch. Volant, pollocking.
Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.

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BOSTON NOT OVER SUPPLIED.

Good Prices Still Maintained
For Fish.

The T wharf dealers have 20 fares of fish to work on today, but the fine prices paid show that the amount at hand is not any more than they want to meet the demands of trade. Channel haddock opened at \$3.50 and some of the shore boats got \$4.25 for their generally small lots. Large cod was up higher than it has been for some time but hake and pollock dragged.

There are only two off shore vessels in the lot, the steam trawler Spray and Sch. Alice M. Guthrie from South Channel, each with small fares. The shore boats generally had light catches and most of the larger fares had quite a bit of hake to make up the total. Schs. Washakie, Mary E. Greer, Emily Cooney, Galatea, with from 16,000 to 33,000 pounds were the leaders.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Galatea 6500 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon 7500 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Spray, 35,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Julietta, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Reliance, 2000 cod.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Hobo, 2100 cod.
Sch. W. H. Clement, 4000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Motor, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Pontiac, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 25,000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Washakie, 4000 haddock, 1000 13,000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Hortense, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake 2000 cusk.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3.50; hake, 70 cts. to \$2; pollock, 75 cts.

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SCH. SELMA STOCKED \$22,489.

Among the Leaders of the Georges
Halibut Fleet.

Another fine season's stock and share in the Georges halibut fishery is that of sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson. It is one that puts her right up among the top notchers of the fleet which is very gratifying to the many friends of Capt. Colson who has jumped rapidly to the front as one of the leading hustlers of this hard driving fleet.

The Selma started her season January 6 and completed her last trip November 4, and in that time secured the splendid stock of \$22,489.18 on which crew made the fine season's work of \$611.36 per man.

Capt. Colson is now enjoying a vacation ashore and will start out again on a new season, about New Years.

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WILL BUY FRESH FISH FARES.

Gloucester Oil and Grease Co. Will
Enlarge Its Business.

The Gloucester Oil and Grease Company, located at Port wharf, has enlarged its business, and has branched out into buying of fresh fish fares. Clarence Tarr and William D. Lufkin, the proprietors of the concern, are hustlers and well known to skippers of the fleet.

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Halibut Price Dropped at Boston.

Fresh halibut took a big drop at Boston Monday, sch. Dictator getting 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray, the last previous sale being 14 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

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THE BUSINESS FUTURE OF GLOUCESTER FROM PRESENT OUTLOOK.

THE FISH BUSINESS.

D. Parkhurst Gale, of George Perkins
& Son.

We have had a good fall trade, but from now on through the holiday season it will be less in volume. However, from the indications at present there should be a fair trade through the winter months. All other food stuffs are high and this should make for an increased demand for fish. This has been a great year for the vessel owners and a good one for the shippers. The better quality of goods which the shippers have been able to secure this season by proceeding together to that end will undoubtedly tend to, and to my mind will improve the demand for fish in the future. We look, for that reason, for a steady volume of business during the year to come.

Charles F. Wonsion of the Gloucester
Salt Fish Company.

Business has been extremely good this season. One of its main features was having an adequate stock of fish of such excellent quality to work on. This putting out of fish of such fine quality will have its effect upon the trade and will show in no uncertain manner by an increase of business in the immediate future. The trade is just beginning to get these goods and find out how fine they are and it will mean another good season ahead. The value of this move for handling only fish of first class quality cannot be over estimated. We shall get results. The practical failure of the mackerel fishery is to be regretted of course. It means a lot to the city and her principal business, but we must make the best of it and look to other branches to make up for it in a measure. The outlook for next season is good. The outlook for the next season is always good if a man believes it, makes up his mind to it and works to that end. Some people will try to tell you that Gloucester's fish business is shrinking. Well, bearing in mind the fact of the extra good trade this fall just look at the other fact that every butt in the city has been called into use to hold the fish brought in, butts that it has not been necessary to use for the past 10 or 15 years being pressed into service beside all the butts which could be bought or borrowed outside. That does not look much like a shrinkage, and the firms are going to need all these fish for their trade before the spring catch comes.

William H. Jordan of William H. Jordan & Co.

The fishing business of this city during the past year has been especially good, except in the mackerel fishing. The catch of codfish per vessel has been almost, if not quite, unprecedented; the quality of the codfish has been unusually good. There has been very much greater care exercised in dressing the fish and salting and icing them on board the vessels than ever before. Year by year the demands of the trade are for better quality; necessarily that brings a larger consumptive demand. Certain new phases of the fish trade have opened up this year which have been profitable and will quite largely increase the output of fish.

The manufacture of the fish (that is, the preparation of them for market) has shown, I think, a better margin of profit this year, than for quite a number of years. The competition among the shippers and distributors is very keen, but there seems to be a much more friendly feeling between them than ever before.

While many of the vessels engaged in the mackerel fishery did not do especially well (the season in late phases being short), the owners of the vessels, after the season closed, placed them in other branches of the business that have proved profitable. Formerly when a mackerel fisherman was not successful in the pursuit of that branch of the business it meant an unprofitable year for owner and crew. This year since the closing of the mackerel fishery early in August the vessels have taken up the codfishery and have made some very fine stocks.

There is unquestionably more unity of action among the shippers, which means better team work, consequently that means more money for people engaged in the shipping business, as well as for the men employed in the producing and the handling of the fish. All other food products save fish have very materially increased in price and that should very largely increase the demand for fish.

The profitable pursuit of the fishing business in the future is in my opinion far more promising than at any time during the past 12 or 15 years, and with unity among the distributors there can be but one result and that is a very decided improvement in the present conditions.

The suggestion that is not infrequently made that fish are growing scarcer each year, I think has been shown this year to be incorrect. Most of the captains engaged in codfishing have told me that never in their lives have they known codfish to be as abundant as this year. Some 10 or 12 years ago the supply of fresh halibut seemed to be very greatly depleted on all the grounds with which the captains were familiar, but for the past two years halibut seems to be quite plentiful again and a large proportion of the vessels in that branch of the business have been very successful.

Adverse comments are made upon the much smaller number of vessels engaged in the fishing business. In getting at the capacity of the vessels previous to 1864 certain measurements were taken which were known as carpenters' measurements. In the early part of my own experience in the fishing business scarcely any of the vessels exceeded 100 tons and a good many were from 80 to 90 tons, carpenters' measurement. Most of the vessels built in recent years would measure from 275 to 300 tons, carpenters' measurement.

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